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BRATTLEBORO, VERMONT, SATURDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 30, 1922.

THREE CENTS.

## KLAN TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION

Will Use Own Agents In  
Looking Up Morehouse  
Kidnaping

## CLAIMS KLANSMEN ARE NOT INVOLVED

Will Make No Appearance at Public  
Hearing—State to Put All Evidence  
on Table at Next Week's Hearing—  
Only Two Under Arrest Now.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 30. (Associated Press.)—The Louisiana organization of the Ku Klux Klan will send its own agents into Morehouse parish to investigate the kidnaping and killing of Warr Daniels and Thomas Richards last August, according to an announcement by a high state official of the Klan. The action, he said, was decided on at a conference here yesterday of head of the state organization.

It was stated that the investigation probably would be started within the next 48 hours.

"I recently returned from Morehouse parish where I discussed the outrage with many folks who know their community well," said the Klan official, "I know that the Klan is not to blame."

"We have no idea of setting up any defense at public hearings for anyone, and reports that the Klan is interested in obtaining attorneys for the defense of these arrested are not true. We are interested in clearing the Klan of any connection in the public mind with these outrages."

The Klan officials stated if it should

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## THE WEATHER.

Fair and warmer tonight—Probably  
Snow Sunday In This Section.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Forecast for northern New England: Increasing cloudiness tonight; probably followed by snow Sunday; slowly rising temperature; moderate to fresh northeast, shifting to southeast winds.

Forecast for northern New England: Fair tonight; warmer in Vermont; Sunday cloudy and warmer; probably snow in New Hampshire and Vermont; moderate north, shifting to east and south-east winds.

Weather Conditions Today.  
BOSTON, Dec. 30.—Weather conditions: There is much clear sky in northeastern section, although snow flurries occurred there in the last 24 hours.

Cold weather prevails in the northeast, particularly in northern Vermont, where there was a minimum of 24 degrees below zero at Northfield. Moderate temperatures prevail in other parts of the country and in Canada.

## BOARDMAN HALL A SUICIDE.

Boston Attorney Shoots Himself at  
Breeding Home—In Poor Health.  
BROOKLINE, Mass., Dec. 30.—Boardman Hall, a Boston attorney, committed suicide today by shooting himself through the mouth with a pistol at his home here. He had been in failing health since an elevator accident a year ago. He was at one time an assistant United States attorney in Boston. He was born in Bangor, Me.

## BRATTLEBORO'S BIG

New Year's  
Dance  
and  
FUN  
EST

New Year's (Monday)

Night

Biggest Dance of the  
Season

More favors, more novelties,  
more souvenirs than any  
dance ever held in Brattle-  
boro. Novel Decorations,  
Peppy Music, Kaleidoscopic  
Effects, Moonlight Waltzes,  
etc., etc.

Snow's Orchestra

Assisted by Outside  
Players

10—PIECES—10

And Still Another Novelty  
—The Orchestra Will Be  
Stationed In the Center of  
the Dance Floor. Don't Miss  
the Big Fun Dance of 1923

FOR EVERYBODY'S  
GOING

## TEXTILE DIVIDENDS REACH \$3,642,050

More Profits In 1922 Than In 1921 at  
Fall River—Increase In  
Capitalization.

FALL RIVER, Mass., Dec. 30.—Textile dividends of local corporations for the year 1922 amounted to \$3,642,050, an average of 9.324 plus per cent on a capitalization of \$41,900,000, according to statistics furnished today by G. M. Haffnays and Co. This amount is \$509,175 more than that distributed in 1921. It is also \$6,344,250 less than the amount distributed in 1920, the banner year of the textile industry, when the tremendous sum of \$9,986,300 was paid out to stockholders. The close of the year finds the capitalization of local corporations increased from \$41,900,000 to \$44,815,000 as a result of stock dividends.

The big feature of the year was the increase in capitalization by eight corporations by means of stock dividends.

## MAN SHOOT HIGH SCHOOL GIRL

Also Kills Policeman and Then Is Shot  
Himself—Chicago Girl  
Not Much Hurt.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—One of the three men early today shot a high school girl as she was enroute from a school entertainment, killed a policeman and in turn was shot and probably fatally wounded by another patrolman.

The girl, Minnie Finkelstein, 17, was shot through the hip. Her wound was not serious. The dead officer was William J. O'Malley, a probationary policeman.

## W. R. MOONEY DEAD.

Was General Superintendent of Boston  
& Maine Road.

WINCHESTER, Mass., Dec. 30.—William R. Mooney, general superintendent of the Boston & Maine railroad and died at his home here last night. Mr. Mooney was born in Lowell and entered the employ of the railroad as a brakeman 47 years ago. He was made general superintendent four years ago after having been in charge successively of the Concord, Nashua and the southern divisions.

## TWO KILLED IN COLLISION.

Train Strikes Automobile at Woodbury,  
N. J.—Two Girls Injured.

WOODBURY, N. J., Dec. 30.—Clarence Anderson Wray, a member of the 1919 University of Pennsylvania football team and Lewis A. Brunner of Philadelphia, died early today as a result of injuries received when a Pennsylvania railroad train struck their automobile here late last night. Miss Catherine M. Johnston, Philadelphia, and Miss Elizabeth M. Price, Washington, D. C., were injured.

## THROWN INTO WOOL SCOURER.

Workman at Weymouth Killed by Ex-  
plosion in Mill.

WEYMOUTH, Mass., Dec. 30.—The explosion of a chamber in a burring machine caused the death today of Oscar Gaillard while at work at the East Weymouth Wool Scouring Co. Struck on the head by part of the cylinder, Gaillard was flung through an opening on the fourth floor into a wool scouring machine on the floor below.

## MAY HAVE JEWEL THIEF.

Boston Police Arrest Man Carrying  
Bribe Wrapped in Paper.

BOSTON, Dec. 30.—A man giving the name of Edward Edgerson, with aliases Anderson and Burke, was apprehended by police in front of a jeweler's window today, holding a brick wrapped in a newspaper. In his pockets were found a clipping from a New York newspaper of November 13 describing a jewelry robbery there, in which \$5,000 worth was taken, effected by breaking a window with a brick wrapped in a towel. Pawn tickets in his pocket bore New York addresses.

## Odd Fellows Temple

The regular meeting of the Past Noble  
Grands association has been postponed  
until Tuesday evening, January 2.

## Bowling Schedule.

Monday, Jan. 1.—Americans team 3,  
Nationals team 3.  
Tuesday, Jan. 2.—Americans team 4,  
Nationals team 2.  
Wednesday, Jan. 3.—Americans team 5,  
Nationals team 2.  
Thursday, Jan. 4.—Americans team 6,  
Nationals team 4.

## Centre Congregational Church

Rev. Herbert B. Woodin, D. D., Pastor.

10.30 a. m.—Subject of sermon, Hitherto  
Hath the Lord Helped Us.  
12.00 m.—Sunday school.

Monday, Jan. 1, 7 p. m.—Meeting of  
troop 1, Boy Scouts, in the chapel.

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## Masonic Temple

Tuesday, Jan. 2, 7.30 p. m.—Regular  
meeting of Bingham chapter, No. 30,  
O. E. S.

## Goodnow, Pearson & Hunt

It Will Pay You Well to Shop Here Now While

Our Refund Sale

IS IN FULL SWING

With Every \$5 Cash Purchase You Make

We Give Away Free a Crisp

New \$1 Bill

This Offer Holds Good Until Closing Time

Next Wednesday

Store Open All Day Monday, New Year's

## HUGHES PLAN WELL RECEIVED

Would Leave Reparations  
Settlement to Interna-  
tional Financiers

## AMERICA WOULD BE REPRESENTED

Commission Should Be Economic, Not  
Political—Problem Must Be Squared  
With Facts—No Further Action By  
America at Present.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Disclosure by Secretary Hughes, in his New Haven speech last night of the belief of the Washington government that an international commission of financiers including Americans, might well be called in to recommend a method of settlement for the reparations crisis, apparently leaves the next move in the hands of the allied powers.

The American suggestion, Mr. Hughes specified, was offered as an alternative in the event that the premiers at their Paris meeting next Tuesday fail to find a basis for adjustment of their views "among themselves."

The secretary stressed the view that settlement by the premiers was to be hoped for. He pointed out that failing such an agreement, the world might be facing the employment of forcible means to collect reparations from Germany, and outlined the danger to world peace the American government foresaw in that course.

As a first condition of appointment of an economic commission, however, Mr. Hughes specified that the whole question of Germany's capacity to pay and methods of payment must be "taken out of politics." He emphasized that the

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## EXECUTED AS ENEMIES.

Phelan and Murphy First Men Killed  
Outside of Dublin.

BELFAST, Dec. 30 (Associated Press).—The executions at Killybeg, in which two men were put to death yesterday as enemies of the Irish Free State, were the first to be carried out by the government outside of Dublin. The two men executed were John Phelan and Murphy. Both were recently captured in South Kilkenny with arms and ammunition in their possession.

The condemned men were attended during their last moments by Father Kavanagh and Father Drea. The prisoners walked steadily to the place of execution and unflinchingly faced the firing squad. The volley was heard throughout the town.

Phelan, who was a laborer, left a widow and two children; Murphy, a farm worker, was single.

## GUARD STATE TREASURY.

Said Two Men Tried to Rob Woman  
Carrying Part of Payroll

BOSTON, Dec. 30.—The state treasurer's office in the state house was under guard by two police officers in plain clothes today. This action, which officials would not discuss, was said to have been due to an attempt by two men to rob a young woman with a partial payroll of a state department of the corridors of the capital yesterday.

The young woman was said to have left the treasurer's office with a fairly large sum of money. In a corridor she was accosted by a man who started towards her, whispering sharply. A second man stepped from behind a pillar at the signal. The young woman, however, screamed and ran, and the men turned away and escaped.

## ASK NEW TRIAL IN WOODHOUSE CASE

Attorneys for Defence Do Not Ask to  
Have Verdict Cut Down—  
Arguments Today.

BURLINGTON, Dec. 30.—Attorneys for the defense confined all their efforts to arguing for a new trial in the Woodhouse \$1,000,000 alienation suit today before Judge S. R. Moulton in county court when a hearing was given on the motion to set aside the verdict of \$465,000 against Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Woodhouse as being excessive and unwarranted for the reason that it was tainted by prejudice, passion and bias. No attempt was made to seek to have the verdict cut down.

The motion to set aside the verdict which would give Dorrit Van Dusen Stevens Woodhouse nearly a half million dollars occupied 13 pages and contained about 100 reasons.

Attorney W. R. Austin for Dorrit Woodhouse stated to the court that he wished to have it appear on the records that he had been handed the motion five minutes before the arguments were begun.

Charles H. Darling, who read the motion first, argued that the amount of compensatory damages was grossly excessive because the case didn't show anything of peculiar value in the affections, consort, or companionship of Douglas Woodhouse. It was necessary in fixing the damages to arrive at the value of Douglas as a married man. There was nothing to show that Douglas had a peculiar value, but rather the evidence showed that he was of less value than the ordinary man in this respect.

The actual damages were inconsiderable according to Mr. Darling's argument. The loss of conjugal society was inconsequential. After Dorrit and Douglas were married they were together but a small part of the time and the time of the final separation came about a year after the wedding. There was nothing to show that any effort was made by either Dorrit or Douglas to hold the other.

There was a feeling of indifference between them all through their married life if it was not something less. There was no effort at home ties. The attorney also argued that there was nothing to show that Douglas was susceptible to outside influences and there was also no evidence to show that there was any coercion used by the parents.

Douglas was not worth any more than \$5,000 and any aid he could render in a financial way certainly could not exceed that. Judge Darling argued that the value of Douglas as a man worth \$5,000 at \$465,000 was a "shock to the judicial sense of justice." He also argued that when it came to the pain, humiliation and suffering of the wife in the case there was nothing to show that it was any greater in this case than in similar cases had resulted in a verdict as low as the dollar.

Dorrit Woodhouse was in the court room but neither Mr. nor Mrs. L. E. Woodhouse was present. There were fewer than half a dozen persons in the audience.

## KIDNAPED GIRL RETURNS.

Child Unharmed and Well Fed Christmas  
Day at Farm Home.

DETROIT, Dec. 30.—Eight-year-old Mary Giovannangeli, kidnaped eight days ago and held for a ransom of \$20,000, was returned to her home today less than 12 hours after her father, Nicholas Giovannangeli, East Side banker, had reported her disappearance to the police. She had not been harmed and informed her parents she had been taken to a farm house. She had been well cared for and even feted on Christmas day, she said.

Blaming it on the War.

A little boy who pinched his finger in the door uttered a naughty word—a word he had promised to forget—and hastened to apologize to his disapproving mother. "I don't know what it is," he declared. "I guess it's after the 'feet of the war.'"

That little boy was not much better in finding excuses than the rest of us. In any way, perhaps, the war is to blame for crime waves, political landlides, pinched fingers, and puppy love.

Isn't it time, however, that we forget our war hysteria? It doesn't help us, in solving the real problems left by the war, to blame that awful conflict for all the absurdities and perversities of so-called human nature.—Farm Life.

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## DR. F. L. OSGOOD OF TOWNSHEND DIES

Sudden Attack of Pneumo-  
nia—Visited Patients  
Yesterday

## REPRESENTATIVE TO LEGISLATURE

Was Moderator of Town Meetings, Mas-  
son, Odd Fellow, Member of Eastern  
Star, Grand, Congregational Church  
and Medical Societies.

(Special to The Reformer.)  
TOWNSHEND, Dec. 30.

Dr. Frederick Luther Osgood, 61, died suddenly in his home early this morning of acute pneumonia and heart failure. His death came as a shock, not only to this village, but to all the surrounding towns. He had been in his usual health and had been busy making arrangements closing his affairs in order to go Tuesday to Montpelier as representative-elect to the state legislature from Townshend. He had looked forward to the change as a vacation from the busy routine of a doctor's life. He made his usual calls yesterday afternoon, but during the evening complained of not feeling well. He became worse toward morning, with severe pains in his chest, and Miss Clara E. Hoffman, public health nurse, was called, but he died before she arrived.

Dr. Osgood was born in Brookline Aug. 5, 1858, a son of Luther and Elizabeth (Park) Osgood. His grandparents were among the earliest settlers of Brookline, Christopher Osgood, his grandfather, settling there in 1792.

Dr. Osgood attended Leland and Gray seminaries, also Vermont Academy at Saxtons River, and while at the academy began reading medicine with Dr. Campbell of Saxtons River. Later he entered the University of Vermont at Burlington, taking the medical course and graduating in 1889. In the same year he

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## NO INAUGURAL BALL AT THIS SESSION

Governor-Elect Proctor Will Get Into  
Harness With as Little Fuss  
as Possible.

MONTPELIER, Dec. 30.—With the intention of getting down to "brass tacks at once, without frills or fussing," Governor-Elect Redfield Proctor will give no inaugural ball or public reception at the state house at the opening of the legislative session, Jan. 3, it has been announced.

Such social events as ordinarily occur will be held "Ladies Week," it is now expected, although Gov. James Harness, the outgoing executive, will hold a reception to his successor in the executive chamber at 8 o'clock the evening of Jan. 4.

Following the custom of years, the inaugural ceremonies will probably be held Jan. 4.

In the morning the message of the retiring executive will be read and the inauguration with Governor Proctor's address will come in the afternoon.

The first day of the session will be given over entirely to organization, the house and senate utilizing the morning for this purpose. The afternoon will be taken up by the house in drawing seats.

ARMED BANDITS GET \$20,000.

Take Payroll of Ferry Cap & Screw Co.  
From Office—Surprise Paymaster

CLEVELAND, Dec. 30.—Armed bandits today held up the paymaster of the Ferry Cap & Screw Co. and escaped with the \$20,000 weekly payroll. The robbery entered the offices of the company with pistols drawn. The paymaster, just returned from a bank with the money, heavily guarded by an armed escort, was caught off his guard by the sudden raid.

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